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Rep. Otis Pike (D., N.Y.) reports that he spent the winter in McLean, Virginia, close to the new giant headquarters of the Central Intelligence Agency. Until recently, the building had a large sign identifying it, but someone evidently thought the CIA should be more secretive, and had the sign removed. The CIA is so secret, says Pike, that if you dial Elmwood 1-1000 (CIA hq) the operator merely answers "Elmwood 1-1000"; you ask for Mr. Smith on Extension 450 and Mr. Smith answers "Extension 450." How do you know to call Elmwood 1-1000 in the first place? Look in the telephone book under Central Intelligence Agency! The Associated Press reports that a District of Columbia lawyer tried for months to find out, in behalf of a real estate developer, just how many persons are employed at the new headquarters. Both the White House and the CIA called the information classified, and refused to divulge it. The ingenious attorney then dialed a number and got his answer: 3,500 employees now, 11,000 eventually. Glad to oblige, said the Soviet Embassy.

